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HOUSE BILL 477

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE; MANDATING COVERAGE FOR  
SCREENING FOR HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 59A-46-42 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992,  
Chapter 56, Section 1) is amended to read:

"59A-46-42. COVERAGE FOR CYTOLOGIC AND HUMAN  
PAPILLOMAVIRUS SCREENING. --

A. Each individual and group health maintenance  
organization contract delivered or issued for delivery in this  
state shall provide coverage for cytologic and human  
papillomavirus screening to determine the presence of  
precancerous or cancerous conditions and other health problems.  
The coverage shall make available cytologic screening, as  
determined by the health care provider in accordance with

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1 national medical standards, for women who are eighteen years of  
2 age or older and for women who are at risk of cancer or at risk  
3 of other health conditions that can be identified through  
4 cytologic screening. The coverage shall make available human  
5 papillomavirus screening once every three years for women aged  
6 thirty and older.

7 B. Coverage for cytologic and human papillomavirus  
8 screening may be subject to deductibles and coinsurance  
9 consistent with those imposed on other benefits under the same  
10 contract.

11 C. For the purposes of this section:

12 (1) "cytologic screening" means a Papanicolaou  
13 test and pelvic exam for asymptomatic as well as symptomatic  
14 women; [and]

15 (2) "health care provider" means any person  
16 licensed within the scope of his practice to perform cytologic  
17 and human papillomavirus screening, including physicians,  
18 physician assistants, certified nurse-midwives and certified  
19 nurse practitioners; and

20 (3) "human papillomavirus screening" means a  
21 test approved by the federal food and drug administration for  
22 detection of the human papillomavirus."